ported by the valves of the femoral while the flow through the saphenous is not interrupted. In making these operations, I frequently found a large branch of the femoral running in front of the parent vein, and my associate, Dr. Castle, suggested that it would be safer, more efficient and easier to cut the vein and make a termino-terminal anastomosis at the proximal end with the distal end of the cut saphenous. It would be safer because the femoral would not be disturbed, more efficient because the upper valves of this branch would be an additional support and easier because an end to end anastomosis is easier than an end to side. This operation was accordingly done on the third patient I present, and, as you can see, the enlarged bunches of veins before present are no longer visible. This operation should only be done when the Trendelenberg test shows a sudden downrush of the blood when the patient stands and the finger pressure on the valves is removed.

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### ERROR IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.

In some way an error appears in the Official Minutes of the House of Delegates as printed in the May Journal. In giving the list of those elected to the Committee on Public Health, the name of Dr. N. K. Foster, which appears correctly in the Secretary's written minutes, was omitted.

### CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

Dr. Geo. E. Pettey, of Memphis, Tenn., has closed his Denver and Atlantic City Retreats and has sold his interest in the Oakland Retreat to his former associate, Dr. C. L. Case, who will continue the work at Oakland in his own name. Dr. Pettey's entire work will hereafter be done at his Memphis Retreat.

#### Dr. J. A. McNaughton, Los Angeles.

The information regarding death of Dr. J. A. Mc-Naughton received and published in December, 1908, was in error. New address, 311-14 Lissner Bldg., Los Angeles.

## AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The American Pharmaceutical Association will hold its annual meeting for this year in Los Angeles, beginning August 16th. The aims and objects of this association are very closely related to and identified with medicine, and undoubtedly a number of the papers and discussions at this meeting will be of considerable interest to physicians. Mr. T. W. Jones, 310 No. Los Angeles street, Los Angeles, is the local Secretary, and will be glad to furnish any information in regard to program, etc.

# THE XVIth INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.

The Direction of the XVIth International Medical Congress at Budapest (from the 29th August till 4th September this year) has just begun the despatch of the Second Circular. This considerable pamphlet, besides its scientific portion, contains a detailed programme of the Congress Excursions, and all the necessary information with regard to traveling and accommodation. It may also be expressly observed here that the question of lodgings has been settled, so that every one taking part in the Congress may without difficulty find suitable accommodation.
The Membership subscription is 25 crowns; wives and daughters of Members 12.50. Remittances should be sent to the Treasurer of the Congress: Professor Julius Elischer, VIII., Esterhazy-utcza 7. It may happen that, although upwards of 20,000 copies of the programme have been despatched, the majority of our Colleagues may not be provided with the same. The Direction of the Congress therefore respectfully requests them to regard this communication as an invitation to take part in the Congress. All who may be interested will, on application to the Direction of the Congress, immediately receive a programme and all their inquiries and wishes will be most promptly attended to. Address: Office of the XVIth International Medical Congress, VIII, Esterhazy-utcza 7, Budapest.

### CREDIT TO LIPPINCOTT.

Through an unfortunate error in a recent book review, "Pain," by Schmidt, was stated to have been published by Appleton; the book is from the press of J. B. Lippincott Co.

### PUBLICATIONS.

Human Physiology. By John W. Ritchie, Prof. of Biology, College of William and Mary, Virginia. Published in the New-World Science Series.

This is an elementary text book of anatomy, physiology and hygiene which attempts to relate the facts taught to the students' environment and show their relation to the fundamental causes of disease. The subject is developed along elemental lines with sufficient breadth to show the true relation of physiology to the daily life both individual and collective. Health is essential to happiness, hence an elemental text should teach with directness the reasons for the rules of health. This text develops the subject from the structure and function of the cell, indicates some points of contact with other lines of nature study, and shows the part played by bacteria, protozoa, alcohol, tobacco, dietetic and other errors in the production of disease. A chapter treats accidents and first aid to the injured. The reasons for public sanitary measures and preventive medicine are made clear in certain important instances. Each chapter closes with a summary and review questions.